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NEW GENERATION VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted any mission to concentrate on `New generation vaccines and diagnostics for infectious diseases`;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any target has been fixed to generate the vaccines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (d) The Department of Biotechnology has initiated the National Jai Vigyan Science & Technology mission on development of New Generation Vaccines. Six Disease areas viz; Cholera, Rabies, Japanese Encephalitis, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Human Immunodeficiency Virus have been identified under this mission.

The Programme has three categories:
Category `A` : Potential Research leads are available but clinical trials are on or are required, e.g. Cholera and Rabies. Category `B` : Animal Experimentation required, e.g. Japanese Encephalitis Virus, Malaria.Category `C` : Sustained Research &Development efforts are required, e.g. Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Tuberculosis and Japanese Encephalitis Virus.